

# SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 80**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 11, 2018

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Joint Resolution No. 80.

As reported, this resolution respectfully urges the United States Congress and the President of the United States to adhere to the federal government's commitment to improve the reliability of Northeast Corridor rail infrastructure by providing half of the funding required to complete the Gateway Program.

The Gateway Program, which seeks to improve existing service and increase capacity for passenger trains running beneath the Hudson River, is essential to ensuring safe and reliable mobility for the Northeast Corridor's rail passengers. Recognizing that current infrastructure assets crossing the Hudson River have already been pushed beyond their useful lives, federal officials agreed in 2015 to pay half of the costs of funding the Gateway Program, including the Hudson River Tunnel project and upgrades to New Jersey rail infrastructure.